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For:	BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE PROCESSING METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS THAT INCLUDE SURFACTANTS			

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any prior art and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced therein. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

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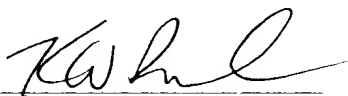
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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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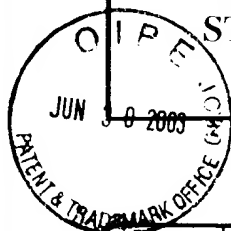
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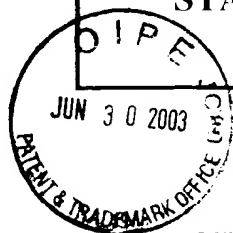
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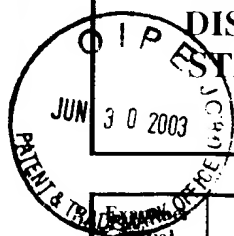
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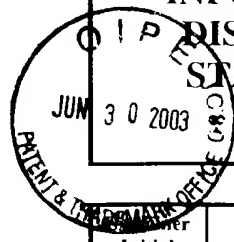
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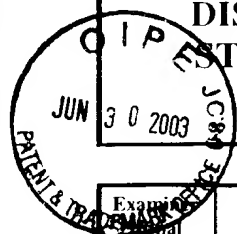
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